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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Form PTO-1449 listing several documents. Copies of documents A1-A2, B1-B5 and C1-C7 have been submitted in the parent application no. 09/363,316, filed July 28, 1999 and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies are not submitted herewith. Copies of documents C8-C16 are submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

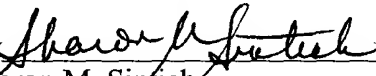
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Respectfully submitted,

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